THE DISEASE IN EUROPE.

Appalling Mortality in Hamburg-The Outlook Gloomy in England.

Hamburg, Aug. 31.-[By Cable and Associated Press.] There is no questioning the fact that the present cholera epidemic is the worst that has ever visited the city and every hour the situation becomes worse. The people are dying like sheep. The report of yesterday that the epidemic was abating in violence is contradicted by today’s report which shows a far greater death rate than on Monday. The falling off in death rate Monday was but a halt in the forward march of the plague, which is now mowing down its victims by the score.

A fearful feeling of apprehension hangs over the whole city. The belief that the doctors are helpless to fight the scourge grows in strength. People feel that they are helpless in the face of the fearful visitation that has come upon them, and many of them have given up hope of escaping the dread disease. This in itself is a great calamity, for courage is one of the essential factors in fighting the dread disease. Owing to red tape it is impossible to bury all the dead under the usual regulations, for the law required the production of papers of identification before bodies are consigned to the grave. Under ordinary circumstances these papers are easily procurable, but now when whole families have been carried off the by the scourge the greatest difficulty is experienced in getting the papers. Four hundred bodies now lie unburied. Unless the frightful mortality ceases it will soon become necessary to set aside the law and bury bodies as soon as possible. It is believed that already the infection has been spread by the dead. The authorities are greatly blamed for their pig-headedness for letting victims lie unburied to scatter contagion among the living, while they hunt for papers to show the age, occupation, etc., of the dead person.

A reign of terror prevails, and every person who can possibly do so is fleeing the city. An exception must be made, however, to this assertion. Those whom duty calls to attend the sufferers, the physicians and those who have volunteered their services are doing work that requires extreme heroism. Among the hospital’s patents everywhere where they can help physicians and nurses take their lives in their hands without hope of fame or reward, and do their utmost to alleviate the awful sufferings of the plague-stricken victims. The ordinary form of burial will soon have to be abandoned and trenches filled with quicklime will have to be resorted to. In many parts of the city the shops of grocers, bakers and butchers have been closed by the police, the owners and their salesmen having been stricken down while attending to their business.

The Prussian Minister of War has ordered a garrison lazaretto at the Hamburg hospital with 500 beds. Registers who record deaths in this city keep their offices open until 10 o’clock every night.

During the twenty-four hours ending at midnight last night ambulances conveyed to the hospital 508 patients. Of this number 268 have since died.
The Chamber of Commerce has organized a relief committee. Cholera victims are now more frequently than at first among persons of the middle and upper classes. Disinfectants are being supplied gratis to the poor.

LONDON, Aug. 31.-The Standard’s Hamburg correspondent telegraphs: “Thursday evening-During the past twenty-four hours 896 burials have taken place. Most cholera victims, it is now claimed, are in quarters near the hospital, and two physicians succumbed today. Four deaths from Asiatic cholera are reported from Lubeck. A small-pox epidemic is raging in Holstein. There are twenty-nine cases here and fifteen at Kiel.”

BERLIN, Aug. 31.-The Imperial Board of Health reports that there were 425 fresh cases of cholera and 219 deaths at Hamburg yesterday. In Berlin there were three new cases and one death; in Magdeburg two new cases and one death. Two isolated cases occurred in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Duchy of Saxe-Altenburg.

THE SITUATION IN ENGLAND SERIOUS.

LONDON, Aug. 31.-The people of England generally are beginning to be nervously apprehensive that, despite the quarantine regulation, the country is doomed to another siege of the cholera plague. Prof. J.O. Afflick, medical examiner of the University of Edinburgh, has declared in an article on cholera that in Central England and Scotland, high temperature favors the disease, but some of the most severe epidemics known have raged with the greatest fury in the winter.

A number of persons have been attacked with cholera disorders at Dover, and one has died.

A dispatch says that up to the 22nd of August the number of cholera deaths throughout the Russian empire were reported at 107,647. The Times’ Vienna correspondent says the authorities have accepted the assistance of the Red Cross society, recently tendered, in the event of a cholera outbreak in Austria.

The infection continued to spread slowly, but it is feared, surely. Two deaths from Asiatic cholera were reported today at Islington, a northern suburb of London. The clothing of the victims and their bedding has been burned. At St. Pancras, in the northern part of the metropolis, a furnace has been erected for burning the clothing of cholera victims, and a station has been established for the disinfection of household effects.

There is deep indignation at the authorities for permitting passengers to land on Monday last, from the steamer Peregrine from Hamburg. These passengers, after an examination, were allowed to land with the result that they have introduced cholera into one of the most densely populated quarters of London. This morning one of the cholera patients in the City-Road died.

The Times’ Brussels dispatch says that the two cases of cholera have appeared in Nostras St. Pierre Hospital today. One of the patients soon died. The news spreading to different wards all other patients want to be removed to other quarters. Much excitement was created throughout the city.
Aug. 31.-Three persons suffering from cholera landed at Falmouth from the British steamer Clement from Hamburg. They were at once removed to a hospital. Two of the crew of the Clement were taken ill at Hamburg and left there.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.-Physicians who have been watching the cases of four Russian emigrants attacked yesterday with suspicious sickness while waiting to go on board a steamer for the United States have declared their disease to be true Asiatic cholera. The announcement created great excitement here and the authorities are doing all possible to prevent the spread of the disease. It is feared, however, that it will be impossible.

One cholera patient here is dead and two others are in a critical condition.

SWANSEA, Aug. 31.-Two seamen belonging to the steamship Harrington were removed to the hospital today suffering from what is supposed to be an attack of cholera.